

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

RHEE, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/564,556

Filed: 27 June 2006

For: HIGH TEMPERATURE PROTON EXCHANGE
MEMBRANE USING IONOMER/SOLID PROTON
CONDUCTOR, PREPARATION METHOD THEREOF AND
FUEL CELL CONTAINING THE SAME

Confirmation No. 1862

Art Unit: 1795

Examiner: Karie Amber O'Neill

Atty. Dckt: 034225.002

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed 12 August 2009, wherein the Examiner required a restriction of claims 1-10, to which the time for response is set to expire 14 September 2009 (the 12th was a Saturday).

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required a restriction as follows:

Group I, claims 1-6, 9 and 10 drawn to a proton conducting polymer membrane

Group II, claims 7 and 8 drawn to a method of preparing a proton conducting polymer membrane

The Examiner deemed that the inventions of Groups I through II do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, 9 and 10, without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue any canceled claims in a continuing application without prejudice or disclaimer.